

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING  
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 28 MARCH 1994

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0950-0-01 (ACCNO 0894)  
Name: KOONCE, TERRY TRELOAR

Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Date Status assigned: 28 Apr 1978

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	DATA
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	AB+
Grade	03	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	#	Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	000062659	Height	71 in / 1.80 mtrs	Weapon No	K664127
Birth date	13 Sep 1938	Weight	170 lb / 77.0 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	NEW YORK	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE  
UTM: 48QWD780825  
Lat/Long: 170135N / 1054358E  
Country: LAOS  
Military Region: 3  
Mission Province: SAVANNAKHET  
(formerly): VIENTIANE  
Mission District: MUANG PHINE  
Mission Date: 25 Dec 1967 2156L  
Mission Category: 2  
Local Analysis: Near populated area.

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Survivability: (3) Unknown

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: T28D	Serial: 1558
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: R1820 86A
Call Sign: ZORRO 12	1 Serial: 519885
Year: 49	2 Serial: \$

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